

## BEST PLACES TO WORK 2009

VERO BEACH, FL-- Workforce Solutions is pleased to announce Indian River County's **Best Places to Work** program for 2009 is underway.

"We are extremely excited to take over the program this year," Workforce Solutions Business Services Consultant Joe Coakley said. "There is no better time than now for companies to participate in this well respected program."

The **Best Places to Work** is a national program that was developed to provide a confidential forum for local employers to participate in an evaluation of various local workplace best practices and programs. This program provides an opportunity for employers to compare themselves to other employers of similar size in Indian River County. By participating in this confidential survey, employers will receive a FREE comprehensive report covering such areas as benefits, turnover, performance management, time off, compensation and unique perk programs. This report serves as an invaluable tool for business and human resource planning.

Companies that place at the top will be recognized at a prestigious awards luncheon at Pointe West in Vero Beach on October 8th and will be able to designate themselves as an **Indian River County Best Places to Work 2009** in all of their marketing and recruitment materials. This year the program has expanded to include four winners in each category. Workforce Solutions is partnering with both the Indian River and Sebastian Chambers of Commerce in spreading the word about **Best Places to Work**.

On July 7th, there will be a kick-off event for the program with Frank Brogan, President of Florida Atlantic University (FAU) as the keynote speaker. The kick-off will be held at RBC Bank located at 958 20th Place, Vero Beach, FL. Past winners, local VIP's, public officials and participants will be in attendance at this public event.

Marcelo Dossantos, Workforce Solutions Branch Manager for Indian River said, "The reason to participate is not to just to win, but to gain important information integral to maintaining a thriving business. Plus, it doesn't cost a thing to participate."

The **Best Places to Work** committee includes Karl Steene with RBC Bank, Lynne Rhodewalt with Personnel Plus, Inc. and Rhonda Blakey, Joe Coakley and Marcelo Dossantos all with Workforce Solutions. For more information on how to participate, sponsor or questions about attending the kick-off at RBC Bank in Vero Beach, please contact Marcelo Dossantos or Joe Coakley at (772) 494-2100.



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